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EMPOLINGUISTIC MINORITIES OF COMMUNIST CHINA

The ethnic minorities of Communist China (see accompanying table) numbered about 35 million, or 6 percent of the population, in the 1953 census and were estimated to number about 40 million in 1961. The areas they occupy lie mostly in the interior mountains, deserts, and high plains that comprise more than half of China.

The present distribution of ethnic minorities — within the Monchurian, Inner Mongolian, Turkic (in Sinkiang), Tibetan, and southwestern regions of non-Chinese settlement (see Map 39290) — has been influenced historically by military suppression, political subjugation, and pressures from Chinese settlers. Many relict peoples are now scattered near the historic avenues of Chinese cultural expansion, especially in the western highland regions that adjoin the Tibetan, Burman, and Tai* cultural ereas. The maintenance of traditional pastoral and agricultural ways of life in varied physical settings has helped to preserve the cultural identities of numerically large but politically week non-Chinese peoples. These include the Mongols, Uighurs, Kazakha, Tibetana, I or Lolo, Miao, Yao, and Tai.

The Muslims of China constitute 2 percent or more of the world total. In 1955 they included more than 4 million non-Chinese living in Sinkians, Kansu, and Tsinghai and 3.5 million Chinase Muslims (Mui) scattered in those provinces and elsewhere.

The regional dialects of southern China are spoken by about 30 percent of the country's total population. The non-Mandarin-speaking linguistic communities of southern coastal China are characterized by inherited differences from the northern Chinese (Han) in social patterns and in outlook.

^{* &}quot;Tai" is used here to refer to the linguistic community of peoples ranging from the Chuang of Kwangsi to the "Thai" of Thailand. It includes the "T'ai" of southern Yunnan, the Laotians, and even the Li of Hainan.

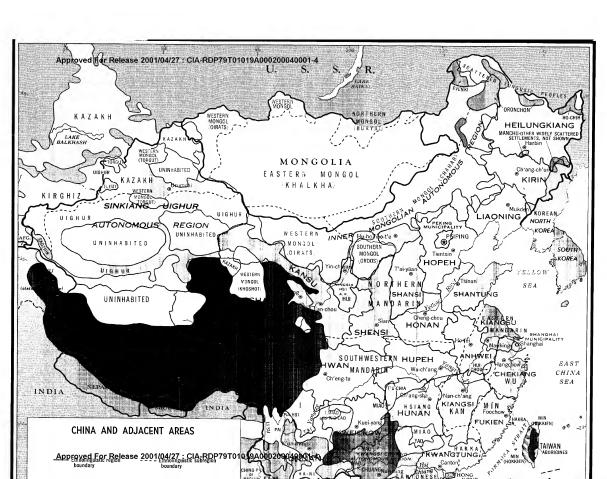
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People	Population in 1953 (in thousands)	Location
	Northeastern China	
Manchu Korean Manchu-related peoples: Sibo, Evenki, Oronchon, Ho-chib	2,419 1,120 28	Widely distributed in Manchuria and Hopeh Eastern Kirin; some scattered westward Scattered in northern Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region (IMAR) and Heilungkiang
North	western China and Inner Mo	ongolia
Mongol Mongol-related peoples: Tu, Pao-an, Tung-hsiang, Daghor Uighur-related peoples: Salar, Yu-ku	1,463 258 3,640 35 509	IMAR; also Heilungkiang, Sinkiang, Tsinghai, Kansu Kansu; also Heilungkiang, northern Sinkiang Southern Sinkiang Kansu Northern Sinkiang; some in northwestern Tsinghai
Kazakh Kirghiz Uzbek, Tatar Tadzhik (Indo-European)	71 21 14	Western Sinkiang Western Sinkiang, mostly in cities and towns Southwestern Sinkiang
	Tibet and Adjoining Area	
Tibetan Tibetan-related peoples: Ch'iang, Nu, Tu-lung	2,776 51	Tibet; also parts of Tsinghai, Kansu, Szechwan, Yunnan Northern Szechwan and northwestern Yunnan
	Southern China	
Predominantly Mountain Dwellers	3 , 254	Southwestern Szechwan, Yunnan, western Kweichow
I (Lolo) I-related peoples: Ha-ni, Li-su, Na-hsi, La-hu, Pai, A-ch'ang, T'u-chia, Akha Ching-p'o (same as Kachin of Burma) Miao, including Ko-lao	2,21 ¹ 4 102 2,532	Southern, central, western Yunnan; also western Hunan Western Yunnan Spread over western Hunan, southern Kweichow, western Kwangsi, eastern Yunnan
Yao, including She	885	Yao spread over southern Hunan, northern Kwangtung, Kwangsi; She in Chekiang, Fukien
Li Kawa (Wa), including Pu-lang, Peng-lung	361 324	Hainan Island Southwestern Yunnan adjoining Burma border
Predominantly Lowland and Hill Dwellers		
T'ai Chuang, including Mo-lao, Mao-nan Chuang-related peoples: Pu-i or Chung-chia, T'ung, Sh	479 7,091 ai 2,095	Western and southern Yunnan Central and western Kwangsi Southern Kweichow; adjoining parts of Kwangsi and Hunan

CHINESE** Mandarin 113 Southern dialects NON-CHINESE Mongol Turkic Tibetan Southwestern tribes Chuang, T'ung and T'ai related peoples Tai peoples and others (Shan, Kachin, Lao, etc.); also K'a-wa, Ching-p'o, La-hu and others. Mountain peoples I or Lolo (west of Kuei-yang), Miao (Meo outside China) and Yao (east of K'un-ming); also Ching-p'o (Kachin), Li-su, Na-hsi, Pai, T'u-chia and others. Most settlement areas scattered and non-continuous. Korean Barok

Tungus (Northeast), Tadzhik (Sinkiang) Li (Hainan), Aborigines (Taiwan), and Vietnamese Other

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